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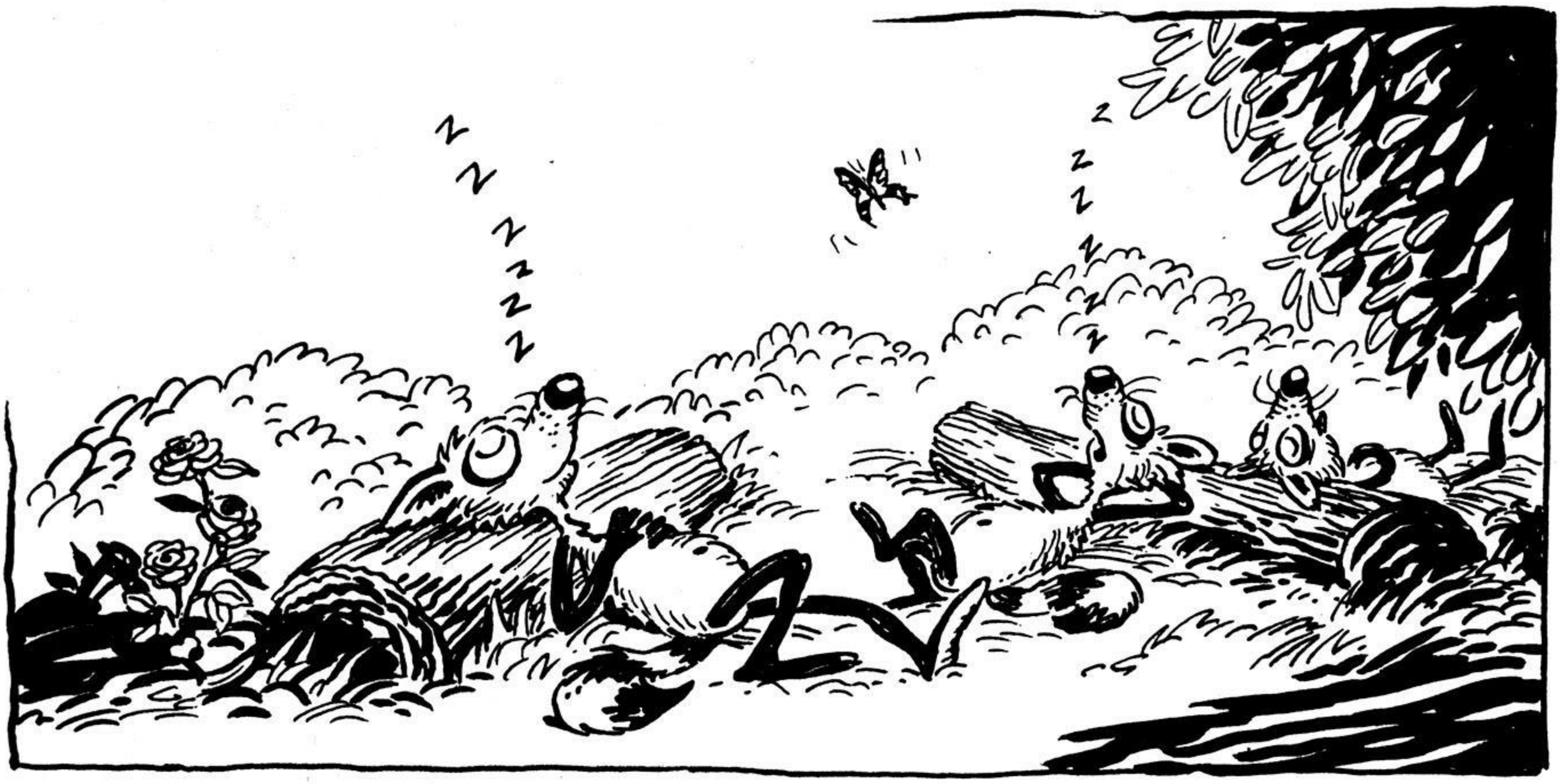

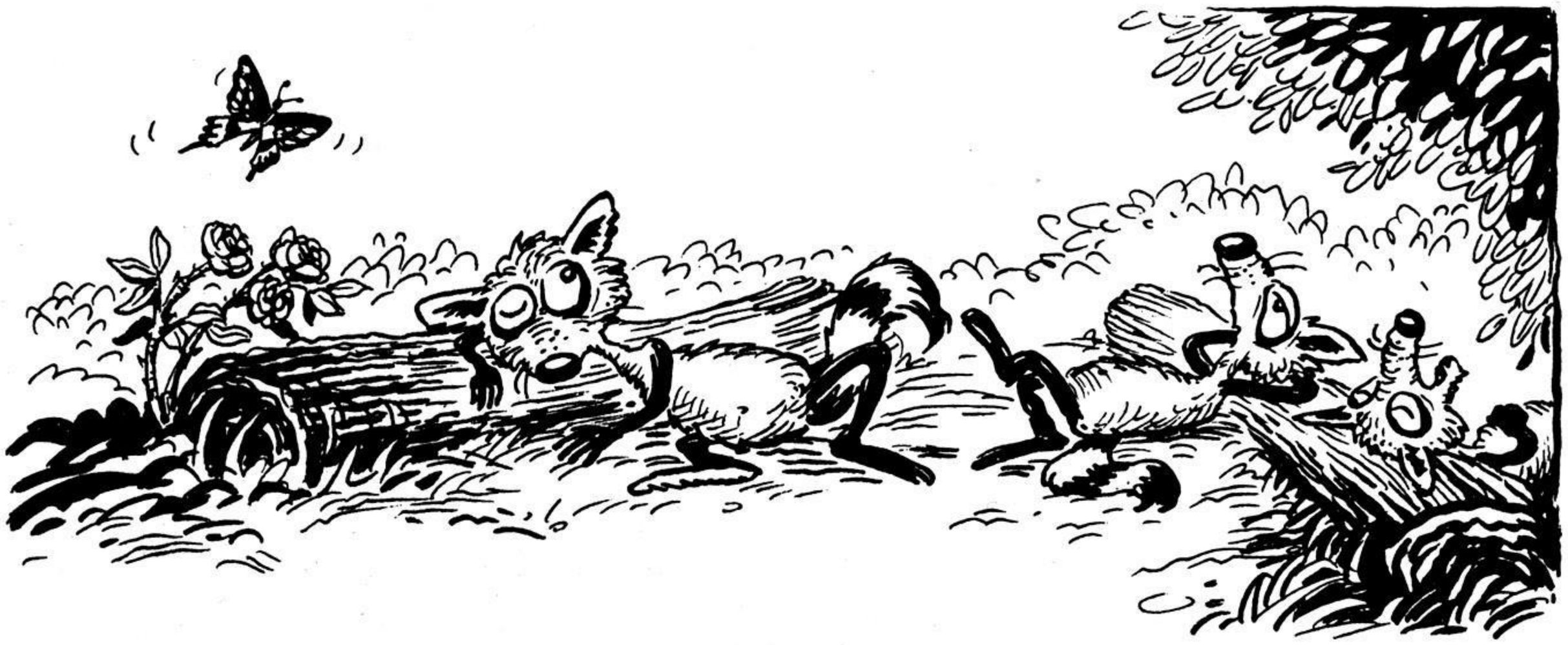

YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN VERY QUIET AROUND HERE LATELY.
I KNOW. IT'S BECAUSE VIRGIL HASN'T HAD ANY TANTRUMS.
THAT'S RIGHT!

WHERE IS VIRGIL, ANYWAY?

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to hell

VIRGIL'S JOURNAL

IT HAD ALREADY BEEN A BAD WEEK... ...THE LAST STRAW WAS YESTERDAY WHEN I WOKE UP...

I COULDN'T FACE THE DIRTY DISHES WHICH WERE GROWING OUT OF THE KITCHEN AND DOWN THE HALL...

THEY HAD GOTTEN COMPLETELY OUT OF HAND THIS TIME!

I THOUGHT MAYBE I COULD TAKE THE HOSE AND SQUIRT ALL THE GARBAGE STRAIGHT OUT THROUGH THE KITCHEN WINDOW...

...LIKE WASHING THE CAR...

WELL, THE KITCHEN WAS CLEANER, BUT I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH THE MESS OUTSIDE...

SO I JUST KEPT ON SQUIRTING UNTIL IT ALL WASHED DOWN THE HILL AND HIT MYRLIE'S HOUSE...

MYRLIE

CRASH

I DIDN'T INTEND FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, OF COURSE, BUT SHE WAS QUITE UNREASONABLE ABOUT IT...

IT ALL HIT ME THEN---
SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH MY LIFE!!

....I REALIZED THAT I WAS GOING NOWHERE!!..EVEN MY FRIENDS WERE DESERTING ME...

...I SHOULD BE OUT IN THE WORLD... LIVING EXCITING ADVENTURES... GOING PLACES... ..SUCCESSFUL! MAYBE RICH! ....EVEN FAMOUS!

...BUT HERE I WAS.... MIRED IN A PILE OF EPHEMERAL GARBAGE ONCE AGAIN! ...I WAS A DISMAL FAILURE... ... UNAPPRECIATED..... ALONE.....

I JUST STARTED WALKING.... BLINDLY...I DON'T KNOW WHERE. ...I WALKED FOR MILES... UNTIL I FOUND MYSELF ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF A SMALL TOWN---

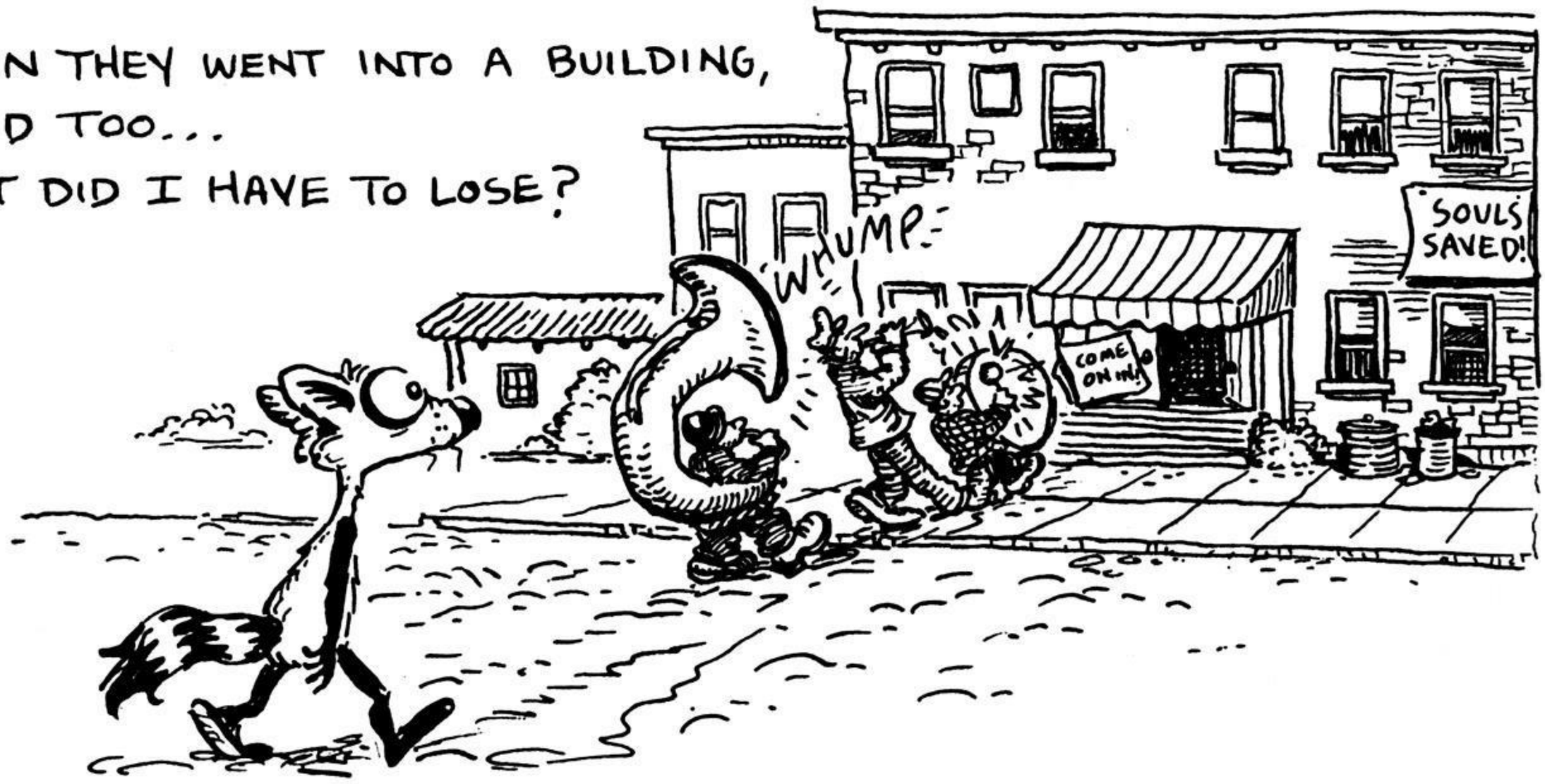
I SAT ON A BENCH...
...FEELING LIKE A LOST SOUL...

...A STRANGE LITTLE BAND CAME BY...

THEY SERENADED ME...ODDLY ENOUGH IT WAS STRANGELY COMFORTING...

I FOLLOWED THEM...I DON'T KNOW WHY...THE MUSIC SEEMED TO SEDUCE ME...

WHEN THEY WENT INTO A BUILDING, I DID TOO...
...WHAT DID I HAVE TO LOSE?



I WALKED IN... A PREACHER WAS SPEAKING...

ARE YEW CONFUSED? ARE YEW DISCOURAGED? YEW BEEN READIN' THE PAPERS! YEW BEEN LISTENIN' TO THE RADIO! YEW BEEN WATCHIN' THE EVENIN' HEATHEN TV NEWS!!

YER KIDS ARE LISTENIN' TO BATMAN! SUPERMAN! YEW CAN'T GET TO HEAVEN ON SUPERMAN'S CAPE!

ALL YEW NEED TO READ IS THE HAND WRITIN' ON THE WALL!

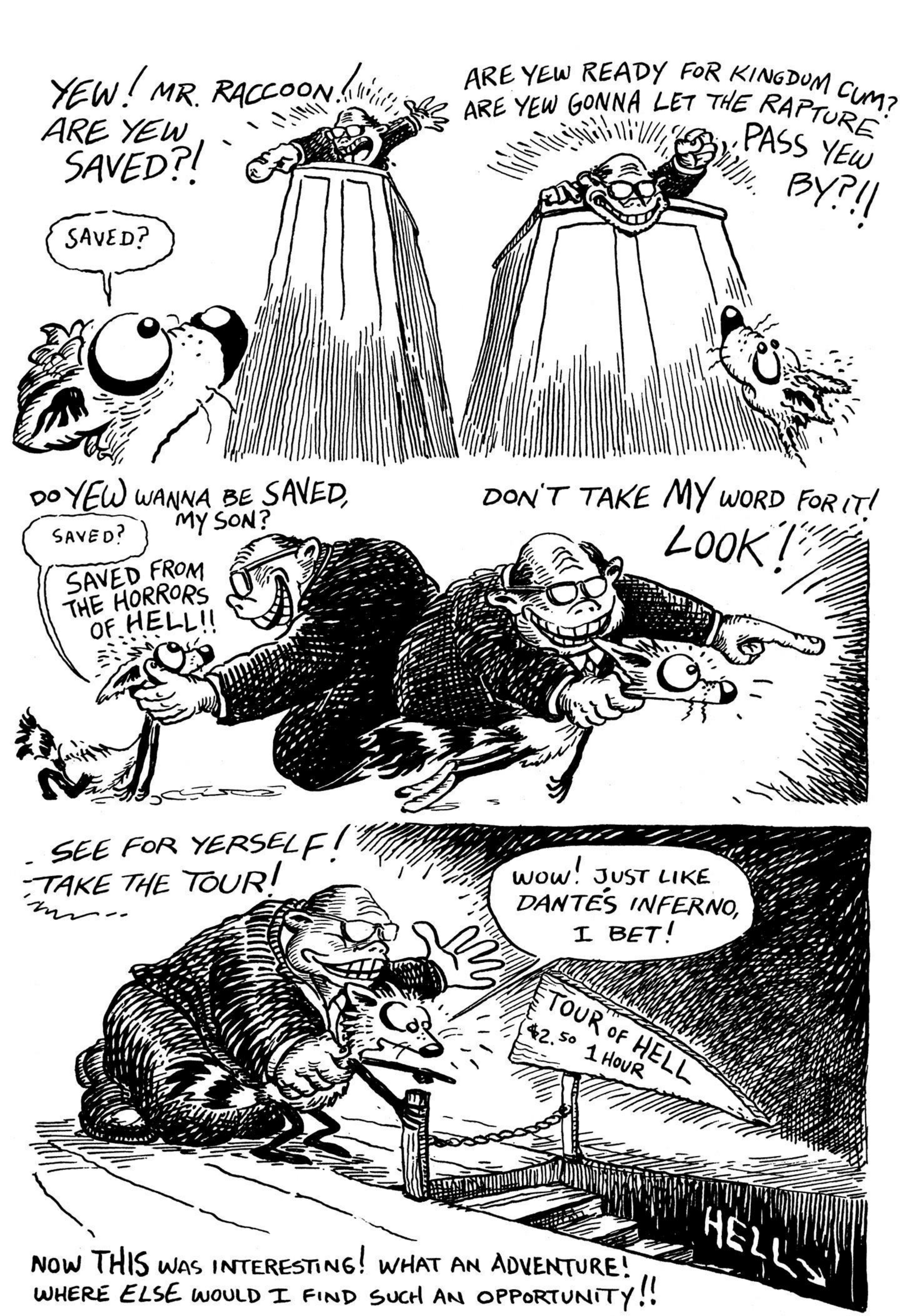
HAH!

BANG!

YEW! YES YEW! YER GONNA WAKE UP SHAKIN' LAK A TOAD ON A COLD FROSTY MORNIN'!!

HAH!

BANG!


YEW! MR. RACCOON! ARE YEW SAVED?!
SAVED?
ARE YEW READY FOR KINGDUM CUM? ARE YEW GONNA LET THE RAPTURE PASS YEW BY?!!
DO YEW WANNA BE SAVED, MY SON?
SAVED?
SAVED FROM THE HORRORS OF HELL!!
DON'T TAKE MY WORD FOR IT! LOOK!
SEE FOR YERSELF! TAKE THE TOUR!
WOW! JUST LIKE DANTE'S INFERNO, I BET!
TOUR OF HELL
$2.50 1 HOUR
HELL
NOW THIS WAS INTERESTING! WHAT AN ADVENTURE! WHERE ELSE WOULD I FIND SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY!!

I GAVE HIM $2.50....
...AND DESCENDED THE STAIRCASE ...NOT KNOWING WHAT I'D FIND...
...DOWN ...DOWN IT WENT... ...INTO DARKNESS.
AS MY EYES ADJUSTED TO THE LIGHT, I PERCEIVED A HUGE MISTY CAVERN WITH CRAGGY WALLS... SOME BATS HOVERED NEAR THE CEILING....

I WANDERED DOWN A DIM CAVE-LIKE CORRIDOR THE SMELL OF SULPHUR WAFTED THROUGH THE AIR...

THEN, I SAW SOME PUZZLING SIGNS...

RACCOONS

RACCOONS?

VIRGIL

VIRGIL?

HELLO VIRGIL, WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

VIRGIL

YOU ARE VIRGIL, THE RACCOON OF REASON!?
WHY SURE! COME ON IN AND LOOK AROUND! MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME! NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN! SEE WHAT YOU LIKE!
..UH.. I'M JUST ON THE 2.SO TOUR...
LOOK WHAT WE HAVE OVER HERE! MAYBE THIS WOULD BE TO YOUR TASTE!
UH.. I THINK I HAFTA BE SOMEWHERE...
YOU ARE SOMEWHERE!
HERE, VIRGIL! IT'S THE RIVER OF BOILING BLOOD!.. IN WHICH ARE STEEPED ALL THOSE WHO STRUCK DOWN THEIR FELLOW RACCOONS! WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A DIP?!?!
...I DIDN'T STRIKE DOWN ANY FELLOW RACCOONS...

*SEE "VIRGIL'S VISITOR"-MAD RACCOONS NO. 2

GHUNK!
LIKE IT VIRGIL?
VIRGIL
VIRGIL
VIRGIL
VIRG
YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH YOURSELF!
FOREVER!
EVER!
EVER!
EVER!
EVER!

AAAAAKKKKK!
EEEEGGGG!
LEMME OUT TA HERE! HERE! HERE! HERE! HE
VVROOOOMMMMM
SEE YOU LATER, VIRGIL!

I RAN AND RAN, BUT I WAS LOST....

WHERE'S THE STAIRWAY?!!

IT SEEMED LIKE A HORRIBLE MAZE!

WHERE'S THE STAIRWAY?! WHERE'S THE STAIRWAY!?

FINALLY! THE LIGHT! I SAW THE LIGHT!

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HOW WAS IT, MR. RACCOON?

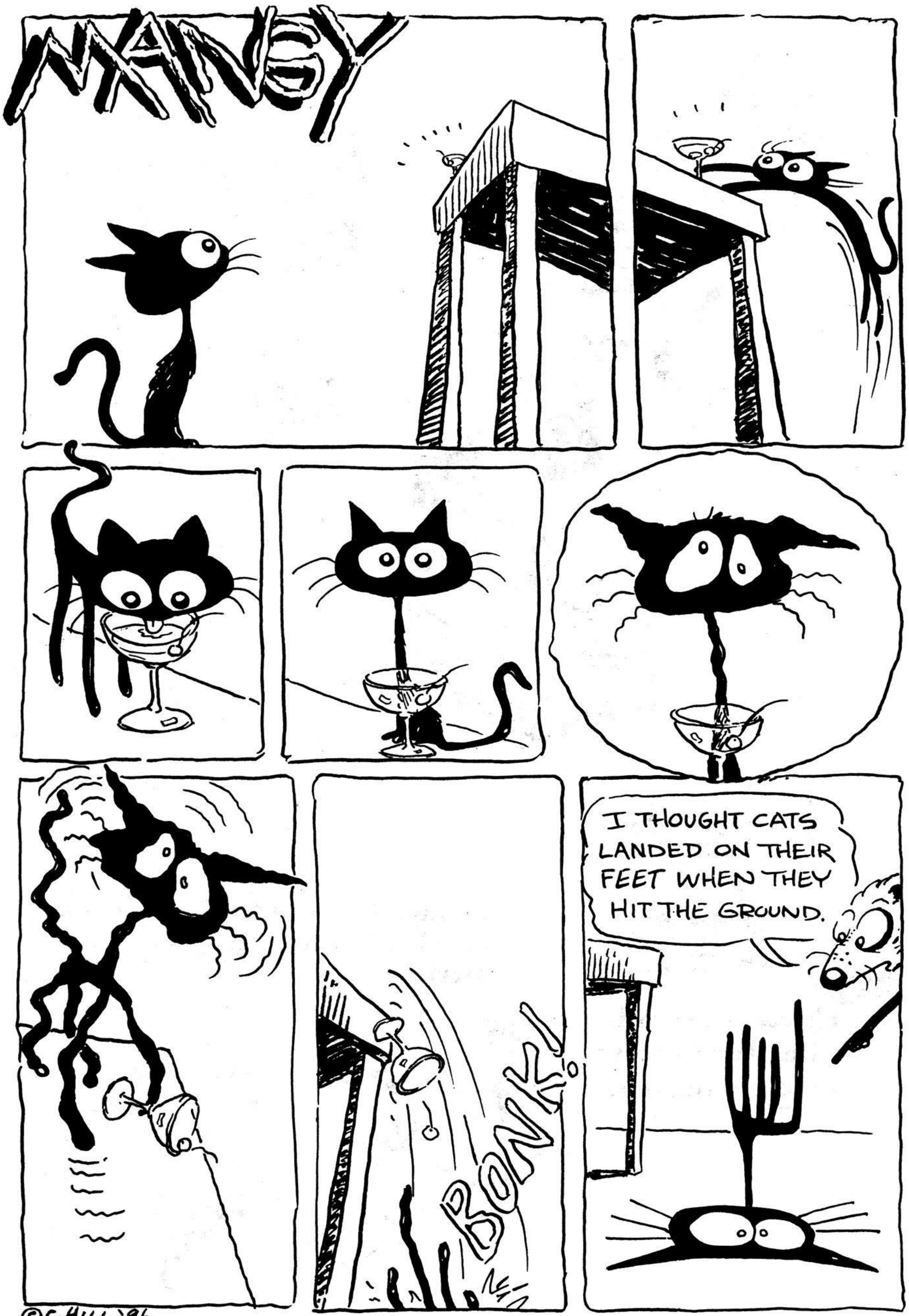
NOW, SON, LET'S TALK ABOUT BEIN' SAVED!
SALVASHUN CAN BE YERS!
THE KINGDUM OF HEAVEN WILL OPEN UP THE PURLY GATES FER YEW....
SAVED.. YES.. SAVED...
DON'T TAKE MY WORD FOR IT! LOOK!!
COME ON UP, VIRGIL. WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
TOUR OF HEAVEN $1.75 1 HOUR

I RAN ALL THE WAY BACK HOME BEFORE I FINALLY STOPPED...
..EXHAUSTED...
I HAD TO THINK ALL THIS OVER....

YOU MAY ASK ME...
WHY DIDN'T I GO UP?... ALL I CAN SAY IS...
I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO GO ANYWHERE
WHERE SOMEONE'S WAITING FOR ME!

SO, I DECIDED TO MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF MY LIFE...
HERE AND NOW..... AND THEN IT CAME TO ME...
I'M GOING OUT TO FIND ADVENTURE... TAKE ONLY WHAT I CAN CARRY ON MY BACK AND HIT THE ROAD!.... LIVE THE SIMPLE LIFE ON THE BLUE HIGHWAYS LIKE WOODY GUTHRIE.... RIDING THE RAILS... WANDERING THE DUST BOWLS OF EXISTENCE... SEARCHING FOR MEANING IN THE HEART OF THE BARE LAND... TRUCK STOPS... DIVES... CHAIN GANGS....

VIRGIL
THIS WILL BE THE LAST ENTRY IN MY JOURNAL... I'M LEAVING NOW... MY FRIENDS CAN HAVE ALL MY BELONGINGS...
OF COURSE, I COULD GO TOMORROW AFTER BREAKFAST...
OR MAYBE I'LL WAIT UNTIL AFTER NEXT WEDNESDAY SO I WON'T MISS THE ANNUAL PARSNIP COOK-OFF...
OR....
END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I THOUGHT CATS LANDED ON THEIR FEET WHEN THEY HIT THE GROUND.
BONK!
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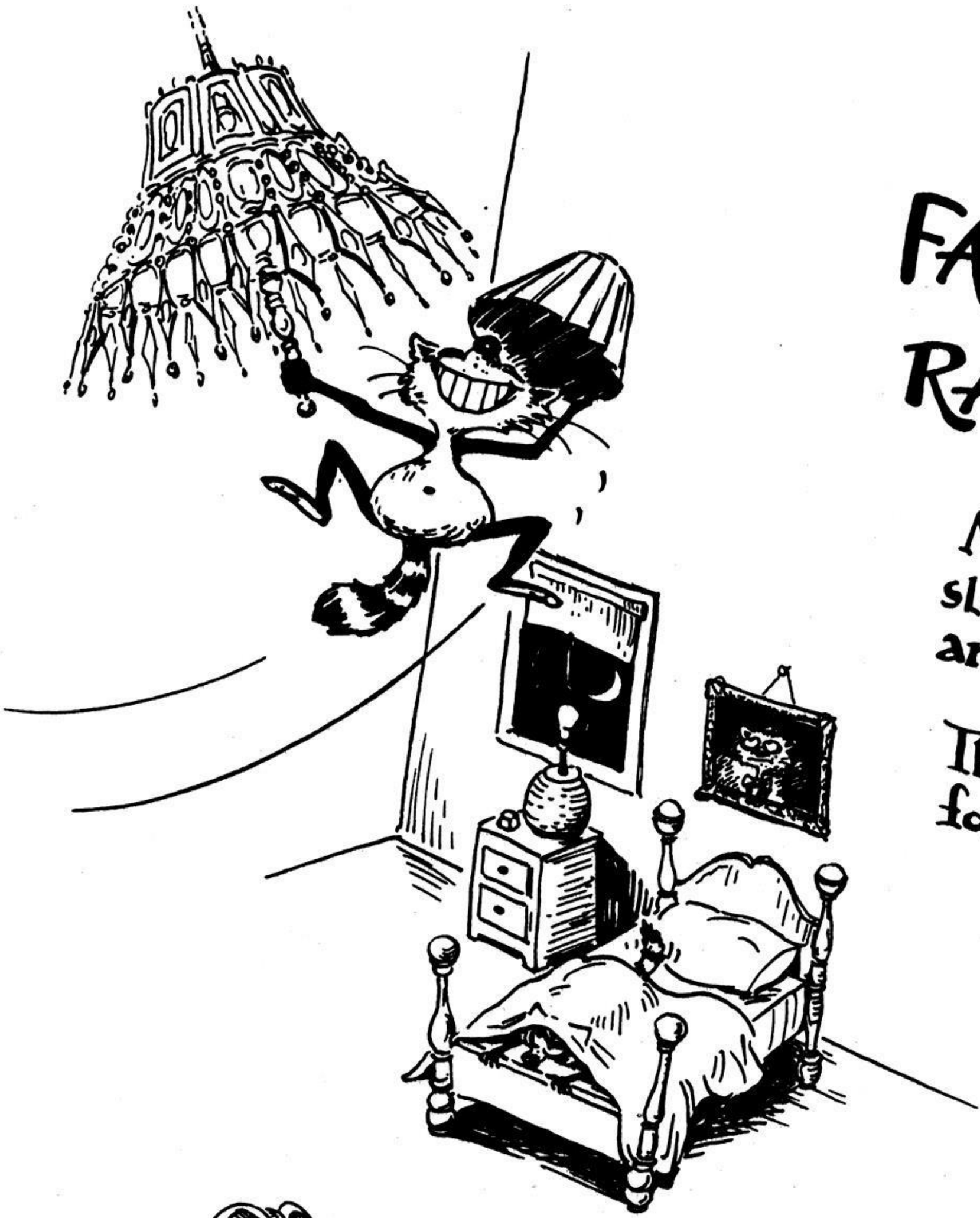

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Most raccoons like to sleep during the daytime and carouse at night.

This can cause trouble for those who don't.

Raccoons are not intimidated except for good reason.

The mythical UNICOON has been found to actually exist in parts of the world.

There is no such thing as a RACFISH however.

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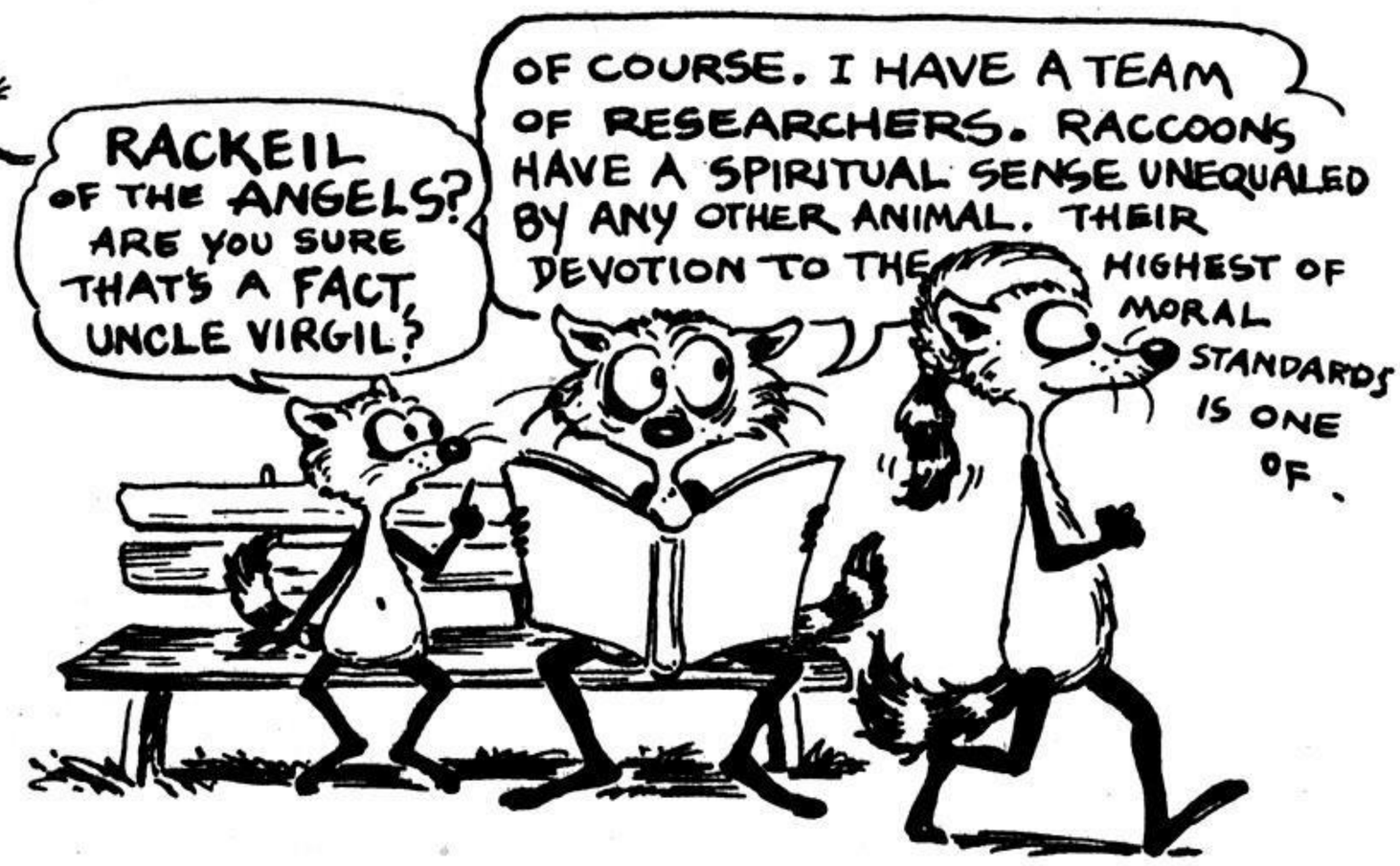

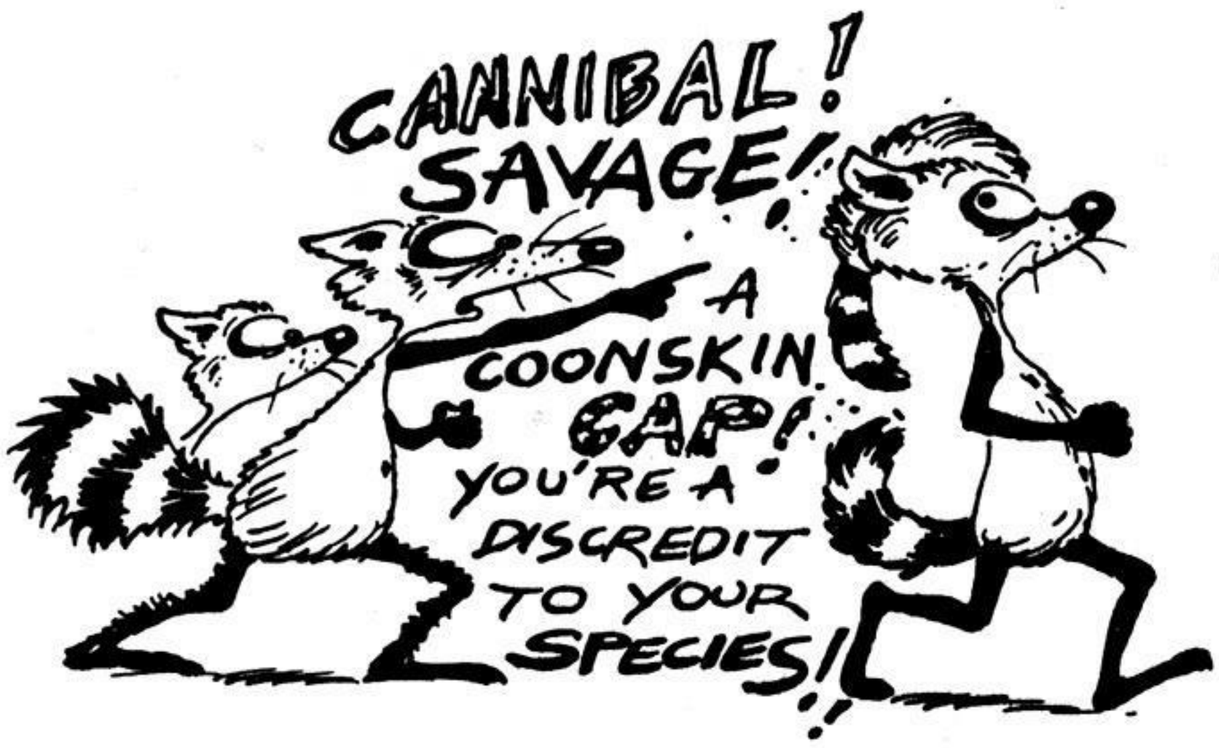

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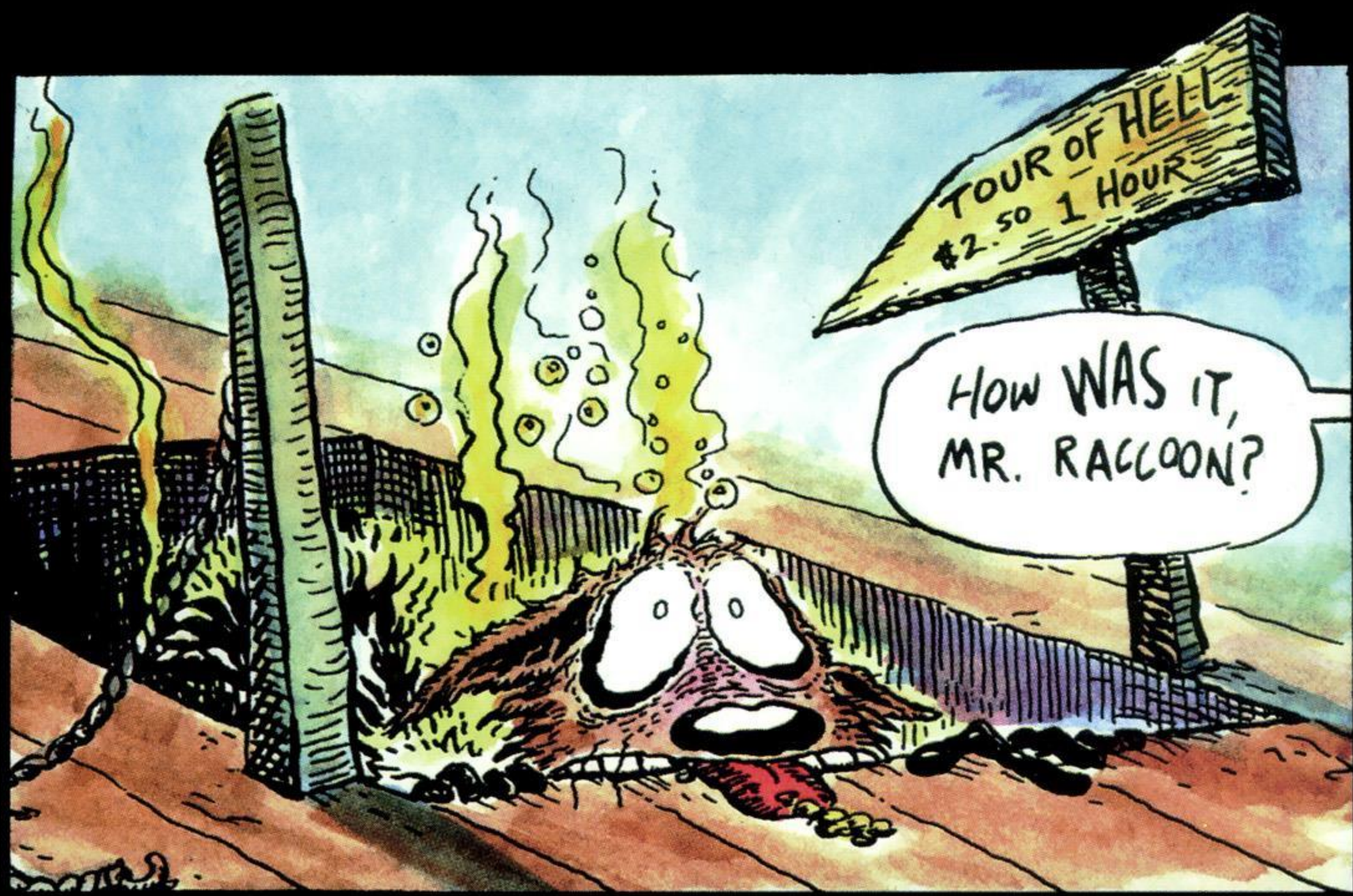
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